

## CONGRESS SMASHES ALL PAST RECORDS

Lavish Appropriations Vastly Exceed the Billion Dollar Mark.

## FUTURE TROUBLE FEARED BY MANY

Impoverishment of Government Pointed Out as a Possible Result of Extravagance.

When the first session of the Sixtieth Congress is declared adjourned as it is expected it will be by the close of this week, the Treasury Department will be authorized to expend more than a billion dollars for the fiscal year that begins next June 30. In the whole preceding history of the republic, even in the days when the country bore the burden of civil war, there never have been such staggering appropriations.

Experienced and level-headed leaders, in both houses, have pleaded for a curtailment of expenditures, and have urged that it was necessary for the Government to go slow, lest, as a huge deficit be brought about by the close of the coming fiscal year. Men like Aldrich and Hale and Tawney have counseled economy, and have pointed out that unless economy were observed, the whole taxation system of the Government would have to be revised.

### Needless of Warning.

But with these words of warning fresh in their minds, and with the plain spectacle before them of diminishing revenues, both houses have sailed extravagantly on, regardless of the rapid before them. The House has put through the regular supply bill with allowance for lavish outlay by the Government. Not one of these bills has passed the Senate without being substantially increased.

Could Speaker Reed arise from his grave and look over the appropriation bills of the first session of the Sixtieth Congress, he would find that the phrase "A billion-dollar Congress" has grown. At the rate this Congress is proceeding, before it reaches March 4, 1905, it will have earned the title of "A two-billion dollar Congress."

While the exact amount of money appropriated by this session of Congress will not be known until almost the last minutes of the session, the total can be approximately told. The regular supply bills, along with other small appropriation measures, and the public building bill, will reach a total of about \$800,000,000. Adding to this the amount allowed for the permanent annual appropriations, more than \$500,000,000, gives a total of more than \$1,300,000,000. This is the amount which the Treasury Department will be authorized to expend the coming fiscal year.

### Last Session Outcome.

The appropriations made by the last session of the Fifty-ninth Congress, along with the permanent appropriations, amounted to \$943,000,000.

The largest of the regular appropriation bills is the postoffice bill, which carries about \$220,000,000. The pensions bill carries \$162,000,000. The navy bill carries \$122,000,000, and the army bill \$85,000,000. The sundry civil bill is approximately \$130,000,000. These are the five largest regular supply bills out of a total of fourteen.

Aside from the regular supply bills there is the public buildings measure. This carries about \$23,000,000, as it passed the House. It is expected that the Senate will shove this up to the region of \$30,000,000.

### Will Defer Action.

Congress will leave scores of important measures without final action when it adjourns. Nevertheless, considerable important legislation has been passed, or will be, before the session closes. It is expected an emergency currency bill will go through. A bill has been passed increasing widows' pensions. Other measures passed, or nearly at the end of the route to passage, are the consular reorganization bill, the bill to increase the efficiency of the army medical department, the employers' liability bill, measures for increase of army and navy pay, the bill to abolish race track gambling in the District, the District child labor bill, the bill to increase the efficiency of the Life-Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service, the omnibus lighthouse bill, the bill to extend the street railway tracks to the Union Station, and the bill to restore to the coins the motto, "In God We Trust."

President Roosevelt has strongly urged legislation along certain lines, but he will fail to get the two principal measures he has sought, one to modify the Sherman law and the other an anti-injunction bill.

### Thousands of Bills.

Senate bills introduced number 7,127, and of these 44 have passed the Senate. Ninety Senate joint resolutions and 181 simple resolutions have been introduced. House bills introduced number 21,945. These figures break the record of the Fifty-ninth Congress in the first session.

Of the 44 Senate bills passed there have been 17 omnibus pension bills, carrying about 2,000 individual bills. It is estimated that the new plan of omnibus bills, instead of separate individual bills, will save the Government \$1,000,000 in printing, engraving and the like. It was first estimated, before the new plan was tried, that it would save \$500,000.

The Senate has ratified thirty-four treaties with foreign countries. Six remain to be acted upon.

## PEARY IS RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Capt. R. E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, called on the President yesterday to talk over the prospects of his forthcoming dash for the north pole. Captain Peary explained that he will be in readiness for the trip by July 1, if the necessary fund of \$50,000 is raised by that time.

Only one-third of this amount has been received. The Roosevelt, Captain Peary's ship, has been overhauled, and lies in New York harbor with \$15,000 worth of stores aboard, ready to sail as soon as her cargo can be completed.

## Revision of Tariff in Near Future Is Promised by Republican Leaders

Revision of the tariff in the near future has been promised by the Republican leaders, and in order to carry that promise into effect, the machinery was set in motion yesterday.

Although a tariff commission as proposed by Senator Burdette was rejected, the idea has been endorsed.

### Aldrich Resolution Adopted.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced a resolution, which was promptly adopted by the Senate, authorizing that committee to secure the assistance of experts in procuring information necessary to report on what legislation is needed to secure equitable treatment for United States products abroad.

Under this broad authority the convention may not only recommend changes of rates in the tariff schedules, but propose the adoption of maximum and minimum tariffs, so as to afford the Government means with which to meet tariff attacks by foreign governments on American goods.

Senator Aldrich expressed himself as well satisfied with the resolution, and Messrs. J. B. Van Cleave and H. C. Miles, of the Manufacturers' Association, who have been here all winter urging that steps be taken to investigate tariff conditions and the necessity for revision, are especially well pleased.

The resolution adopted by the Senate is as follows: "Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is authorized, in connection with investigations heretofore ordered by the Senate, with the view of procuring the information necessary for an intelligent revision of the customs laws of the United States, to call to their assistance experts in the executive departments of the Government, and to employ such other assistants as they shall require."

### Will Secure Cost of Production.

"They are especially directed to report what further legislation is necessary to secure equitable treatment for agricultural and other products of the United States in foreign countries."

"They shall also, in the consideration of changes of rates, secure proof of the relative cost of production in this and in principal competing foreign countries of the various articles affected by the tariff, upon which changes in rates of duty are testable."

## BOTH HOUSES ADOPT CONFEREES' REPORT

The conferees of the Senate and House of Representatives reached an agreement yesterday on the consular and diplomatic bill. The report of the conferees was later adopted in both bodies.

## EXAMINE LAW STUDENTS.

The committee of examiners for the bar of the District of Columbia has announced an examination of applicants for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to be held on June 11, 12, and 13, in the rooms of the Georgetown Law School. Application must be filed with the clerk of the court by June 5.

## APPALACHIAN BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Gathering of Data Regarding Tariff by Finance Committee Is Authorized.

Practically the whole of the day in the Senate was spent in the consideration of the bill for the acquisition of national forest reserves in the Southern Appalachian and White mountains. It was finally passed after a speech of nearly two hours by Senator Teller in opposition. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000,000. Its chances of passing the House at this session are poor.

An important move was made setting in motion the machinery by means of which the Republicans propose to redeem their promise of revising the tariff. The Senate adopted a resolution authorizing the finance committee to take up the subject of tariff rates and to employ experts to help it prepare information to assist in the revision of the schedules. The committee is also to report as to what legislation, reciprocity or otherwise, it is necessary to enact in order to secure equitable treatment for American products abroad. The committee will sit during the summer.

### AN ORATOR BY PROXY.

"Did you deliver your speech to your constituents?" "No; but my office boy delivered it to the newspapers."—Exchange.

## OFFERS BUILDINGS FOR CONVENTION

Mr. Mann Offers Resolution to Aid Big Tuberculosis Congress.

Representative Mann of Illinois yesterday introduced a resolution requesting and empowering the President to direct the various officers of the Government to extend to the International Tuberculosis Congress the use of the new National Museum building, the new Municipal building of the District of Columbia, and the new building of the Department of Agriculture.

The Tuberculosis Congress meets in this city in September and October of this year. Ten thousand delegates are expected, and efforts already have been made to permit the use of the Capitol for the meeting.

## PRESIDENT SENDS NAMES TO SENATE

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be collectors of customs—Cornelius O'Keefe, of Arizona, district of Arizona; Robert S. Burlingame, of Rhode Island, district of Newport, R. I.; To be solicitor of internal revenue—Fletcher Maddox, of Montana.

Edward D. Taussig, captain, to be a rear admiral in the navy; Brig. Gen. George F. Elliott, to be a major general in the Marine Corps.

### TRUE PATRIOTISM.

"Johnny, what's a patriot?" "A boy who'd rather miss sein' de game dan go in on a ball knocked over de fence by de visitin' team."—Exchange.

## SENATORS' ILLNESS DELAYS RATE ACTION

Commodity Clause Resolution Awaits Return of Foraker and Elkins.

Because of the continued indisposition of both Senator Elkins and Senator Foraker, the Senate again yesterday postponed consideration of the resolution suspending the operation of the commodity clause of the railroad rate law until January 1, 1910.

Neither Senator is seriously ill, but the Senate is averse to proceeding with the disposition of a measure in the absence of Senator Elkins, who introduced it, and Senator Foraker, who has pending an important amendment.

Senator Foraker has a touch of lumbago and Senator Elkins has been indisposed since Thursday night.

## FOREST RESERVE BILL IS PASSED

The Senate yesterday passed the bill for the purpose of acquiring national forest reserves in the Southern Appalachian range and White mountains.

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire lands chiefly valuable for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams in the Southern Appalachian mountains within the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, and in the White mountains within the States of New Hampshire and Maine, and to administer these lands as national forests.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000,000.

## NEW BILL PLANS TO HELP HARBORS

Makes Old Appropriations Available for Work in West and South.

While there will be but one real pork barrel at this session of Congress—the public buildings bill yesterday passed by the House—there is a slice of meat which is to be divided among several portions of the country.

An "administrative" rivers and harbors bill, which doesn't carry any new appropriations, but which makes available old appropriations which have not been expended for various reasons, was reported to the House yesterday by the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. The bill carries about \$500,000. About \$275,000 of this amount is for work authorized in 1907 at Duluth.

This work was not started owing to some inaccuracy in the bill of that year. Other points at which funds, already authorized, now are made available, are Chicago, Milwaukee, Mobile, and Key West.

## HAWAIIAN DELEGATE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Marooned on his own home island, Delegate Robertson of Hawaii, yesterday notified "Prince" Kahanaloale that he will be unable to attend the Republican National Convention.

The telegram to Hawaii's delegate to Congress reads as follows: "Robertson delegate to the National Convention and national committeeman for Hawaii, cannot leave; no steamer accommodations. Shipping laws responsible."

"Honolulu Merchants' Association," "Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu."

## Sale of Summer Portieres

Attractive prices on these light film hangings for summer, mostly white madras with stripes of blue, green and yellow, as well as other more solid colors. Prices are reduced as follows:

98c Madras Portieres.....	39c
\$2.25 Summer Portieres.....	\$1.98
\$3.00 Summer Portieres.....	\$2.69
\$5.75 Summer Portieres.....	\$4.98

## This McDougall Kitchen Cabinet Given Free

The picture here shown illustrates one of the best and most popular McDougall Kitchen Cabinets made. It is absolutely dustproof and mouseproof, is constructed with the thoroughness and durability found in every McDougall Kitchen Cabinet and will save the housewife many unnecessary steps each day.

Now, we are going to give this fine McDougall Cabinet away absolutely free; it will cost you nothing to try, and you may secure it.

## To the Person Submitting the Best Reason Why Every Housewife Should Have a McDougall Cabinet in Her Kitchen

Read the following rules carefully, before sending your reason.

1. All reasons submitted in this contest must be limited to not more than fifty words.
2. It makes no difference whether the contestant owns a McDougall Kitchen Cabinet or not.
3. It is not necessary to make any purchases whatever to be eligible to this contest.
4. The answers or reasons of any employee of this firm will not be considered.
5. This Kitchen Cabinet as well as many other styles of McDougall Cabinets are on display in our window and in our Kitchen Cabinet Department, where you are invited to call and inspect them if desired.

All answers must be accompanied by the coupon here printed addressed to the Advertising Department of Mayer & Co., and be received before 5 p. m. on Friday, May 29th.

All answers will be submitted to Mr. Gerald Rickard, of the Washington Post; Mr. F. E. Engler, of the Washington Times, and Mr. George W. Miller, of the Washington Star, and the cabinet awarded to the person who in their estimation furnishes the best reason.

## Send This Coupon With Your Reason

I desire to compete for the McDougall Kitchen Cabinet offered free for the best fifty word reason, "Why Every Housewife Should Own a McDougall Cabinet," giving permission to publish my reason if desired.

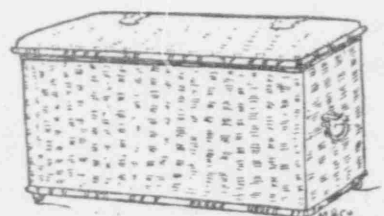
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## Shirt Waist Boxes

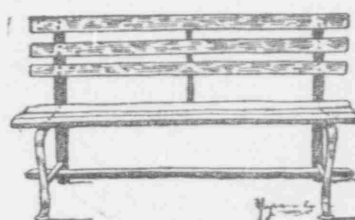


This Matting Covered Shirt Waist Box..... \$1.98

Strongly made Shirt Waist Box, just like the illustration here shown, has brass handles, good hinges, and is nicely covered with fine round straw Japanese matting.

## Iron Frame Settees

This Heavy Iron Frame Settee. \$4.25



Very strong Settee. Just like this illustration, has extra large slats on back and seat, three heavy iron braces, and every joint is secured with bolts or screws. These settees are 4 ft. in length, painted in choice of red or green.

## Refrigerators At Reduced Sale Prices



Special prices on these high-grade Bowen, New Progress, Lenox and Rhineland Refrigerators. You could not purchase a better refrigerator if you paid double the price we are asking. These refrigerators are made of the best materials, lined with charcoal and mineral wool and every interior part may be easily removed and cleaned.

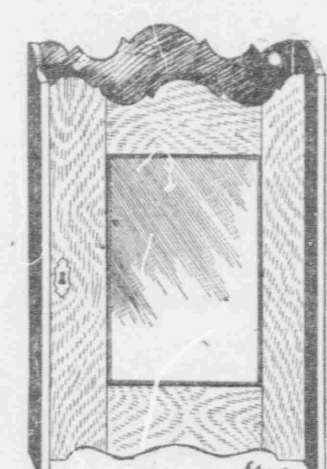
We have such confidence in these refrigerators that we guarantee every one sold to be absolutely perfect or the purchased price will be refunded.

\$9.00 Lenox Refrigerators.....\$6.75  
\$15.25 Progress Refrigerators...\$11.89  
\$20.50 Bowen Refrigerators.....\$15.39  
\$25.25 Rhineland Refrigerators, \$18.95  
\$62.00 Rhineland Refrigerators, \$47.50

DRIP PANS FREE

## Special!

This Large Golden Oak Medicine Cabinet... 98c



Constructed of selected golden oak, just like the illustration here shown. The cabinet is 24 inches high, 19 inches wide, and 14 inches deep. It has two shelves, lock and key, and the mirror is 7 1/2 inches. Not more than one sold to each customer at this price.

## Sale of the Famous Stearns & Foster Felt Mattresses



For the same price you can buy a mattress that will give perfect comfort and wear for years, or you can buy one that will lump, get hard and uncomfortable in a year or two. To be sure of the quality insist on a Stearns & Foster mattress. It is the best you can buy at whatever price you wish to pay. The value of a mattress is inside, it depends upon what it contains and how it is made. Unless you purchase a Stearns & Foster mattress you have no way of knowing what your mattress is composed of and whether or not it is the same as the sample you looked at, when you gave your order.

Every Stearns & Foster mattress bears a laced opening that may be unlaced, showing what is inside of the very mattress you receive. Many mattresses that are sold as the best are made from lifeless short fibre cotton, that gets hard and flat, some even are made from fillings taken from second-hand mattresses and comforts and are only felt mattresses in name, because you cannot see what is inside of them.

Be sure of what you are buying, insist on a Stearns & Foster, which is guaranteed for ninety days and may be returned during that time if not satisfactory. Our windows this week are filled with a number of these Stearns & Foster Felt Mattresses, showing of what they are composed and how they look when finished.

We would be pleased to have you call and inspect same, knowing they will please you.

Genuine Guaranteed Stearns & Foster Felt Mattresses... \$9.98

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## Sale of Mattings and Rugs

Special prices in this department on four of the most popular grades of China Matting and also on the new Fiber Rugs in large room sizes. Prices here quoted include laying without extra charge:

25c China Mattings.....	18c yd.
30c China Mattings.....	23c yd.
Heavy 35c Mattings.....	27c yd.
Regular 40c Mattings.....	29c yd.
\$11.00 9x12 ft. Fiber Rugs.....	\$8.75



## Go-Cart Sale

This Exact Large Folding Go-Cart, \$8.75

Large all-steel Folding Go-Cart, just like the illustration here shown, has full roll on sides, large roll on top of back and dash, adjustable and reclining attachments, cane seat and steel folding gear and rubber tires.

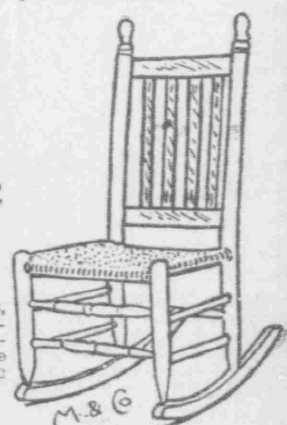
\$18.50 Go-Carts... \$13.98

Fine all-round Reed Go-Carts, no split reed used, new shell-shaped design, has adjustable and reclining reed back and dash, fine steel folding gear and porcelain grips, and heavy rubber tires.



## Porch Rockers

This Strong Maple Porch Rocker..... 79c



Made of White Maple, has heavy turned posts, slatted back, turned rungs and double woven rattan seat. These rockers are exactly like this illustration and are finished in natural maple or extra. We have them in red or green at the extra.

## Chiffoniers

This Exact Solid Oak Chiffonier..... \$3.48

Strongly made Chiffonier, just like the illustration here shown, constructed of golden oak and has carved back, five drawers with brass handles, locks on each drawer and is nicely finished.

\$12.50 Chiffoniers with Mirrors, \$8.69

Made of solid golden oak, have beveled French plate glass mirror, carved standards, five drawers, brass trimmings, and gloss finish.

